Proceedings of the Assembly of Representative Raiyats and Merchants from all Taluks of the State, held at Mysore in October 1897.

MEMORANDUM.

The Seventeenth Assembly of Representative Raiyats and Merchants was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Office Buildings at Mysore on Friday and Saturday the 8th and 9th October 1897 and from Monday the 11th to Thursday the 14th idem inclusive.

2. The triennium for which Members were elected in 1894 having terminated, a fresh election of 275 persons was made for 1897 and two subsequent years as particularized below :—

Returned by—.		Number elected.
67	Taluks including sub-taluks	211
24	Municipal Boards, each representing a population of 5,000 and above	39
9	Local Fund Boards	18
7	Associations representing public interests	7
	Total ...	275

Of these—

5 were Europeans,
18 „ Mahomedans, and
252 „ Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation—

30 were Merchants,
2 „ Sahukars,
214 „ Land-holders, and
29 „ of other trades and professions.

3. On the first day of the meeting 167 Members were present. The names of all the members who were elected are given in the list appended to these proceedings.

4. At the opening of the Assembly at noon on the 8th October, Rajyadhurandhara Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, K.C.S.I., Dewan, presided and delivered his Address in English. There were then present the Members of Council, the Judges of the Chief Court, and other principal Officers of the State. Colonel Donald Robertson, the British Resident, the Brigadier-General Commanding the Bangalore District, and several other European and Native Guests of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent also honored the occasion with their presence.

5. The Address, which passed in review the finances of the State and touched briefly on the salient features of the Administration during the past official year, was listened to with much interest and satisfaction. At its conclusion Mr. Thomas Richards, Chairman of the Kolar Mining Board, thanked the Government for the kind consideration always shown to the Board's various

representations and suggested certain measures for the protection of the Gold Mining Industry. The Kanarese translation of the Address was next read by Mr. C. Sreenivasiengar, Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

6. The discussion of subjects was commenced on Saturday the 9th and continued up to Thursday the 14th October. At the close of the proceedings on the evening of the 14th idem, Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao of the Chikmagalur taluk, Mr. K. Ramanujaiengar of the Gubbi taluk, Mr T. Kanteeravacharlu of the Mysore City Municipality and several others gave public expression to their feelings of thankfulness for the various salutary measures inaugurated by the Government for the welfare of the people, and prayed that the sentiments of deep loyalty and gratitude cherished by the Assembly might be conveyed to Her Highness the Maharani-Regent.

7. The Dewan's Address and a brief summary of the subjects discussed at the Assembly and of the replies of Government are appended.

By Order,
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